

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

- Claims 1-46 are pending.
- Claims 1-18 and 34 are rejected.
- Claims 19-33 and non-elected species of Claims 35-38 are withdrawn.
- Claims 47-79 are canceled without prejudice.

No claims are amended.

As far as Applicant can determine all rejections of the claims have been removed except for double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent 6, 221,425 and 6,656,517, and a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Michal et al, U.S. Patent 6,287,285.

Applicant has supplied terminal disclaimers over U.S. Patent 6,221,425 and U.S. 6,656,517, with this response.

Applicant has provided a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 stating that the disclosed but unclaimed invention of U.S. Patent 6,287,285 was derived from an inventor of this application and, therefore, is not the invention "by another", as required by the statute.

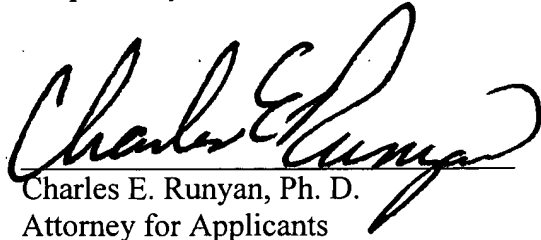
This leaves no outstanding rejections.

Since all claims are in a condition for allowance, please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating. If I can be of any help, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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